IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Andreas MEUDT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1625

Application No.: 10/586,768

Examiner: J. Mabry

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For:

PROCESS FOR PREPARING NITRILES AND ISONITRILES BY DEHYDRATION

REACTIONS WITH PROPANEPHOSPHONIC ANHYDRIDES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina March 5, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-final Office Action dated November 5, 2008, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a 1-month Petition for Extension of Time with credit card form.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.